OLD ENGLAND:

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——— *Virtute decet non ſanguine niti.* HOR.

I HAVE read in one of our Daily Papers lately, an Attempt to ſhew that the Pay of Sea-Officers is too low and inſufficient to induce the Sons of Gentlemen of Fortune to enter into the Navy: If ſo, pray let them keep off; it is not the Service of ſuch Blades our Country wants; we have too many of them already, and ſuffer by it extremely. Naval Service is ſeldom well executed but by bold, hardy Perſons, as rough perhaps as the very Element itſelf, and ſo inur'd and attach'd to it, that, like the Fiſh in it, they can't live long off of it. Such was *Griffith*, *Jumper*, and many other gallant *Tars* in Queen *Anne*'s War, whoſe Merit were perſonal, and their own; not that of an Anceſtor, from the third or fourth Degree, languiſhing in a puny Whipſter, or a curl-pated Coxcomb, bepowder'd and eſſenc'd out to addreſs the boiſterous Court of *Neptune*, as he would that at *St. J——s*.

There is no doubt but we may have ſtill ſuch brave, bold Men as I have been mentioning, were we attentive to reward Merit: Were gallant Actions made the chief Inducement to Promotion, by whomſoever perform'd, his Majeſty's Navy would become ſoon as formidably diſtinguiſh'd in *Europe* as thoſe of *William* and *Ann* were.

Here the unrewarded Merit of the brave Capt. *Richard Hornby* occurs to my Memory: This Man commanded the *Wrightſon* and *Iſabella* of *Sunderland*, a ſmall Merchantman, mounting four Carriage and two Swivel Guns, with five Men and three Boys only, laden with Corn, and bound for *Holland*, in Company with a *Pink*, a *Brig*, and a *Sloop*; which the Merchants recommended to his Care, as he was the ſtrongeſt among them. Our *Commodore*, as we may call him, ſailed from the Coaſt of *Norfolk* with his Companions on the 1ſt of *June* 1744, and on the 2d made *Graveſant* Steeple in the *Hague*, with great Satisfaction on arriving in Safety ſo near the End of their Voyage: But his Joy was of no long Continuance, for lo! he fell in with a *Privateer*, lying ſnug among the Fiſhing Boats of our good Neighbours the *Dutch*, with her Sails haul'd up to prevent Diſcovery. She immediately hoiſted up her Sails and White Flag, and, ſignalizing out the *Iſabella* from the reſt, began to fire her Chace Guns upon her: This diſpers'd the reſt of the little Squadron, while Capt. *Hornby* was left to his Fortune. The *Privateer* was ſtrong, mounted ten Carriage and eight Swivel Guns, with ſeventy-five Men, and 300 Small Arms, and was call'd the *Marquis de Brancas*, Capt. *André*, Commander: Which however, not diſmaying our *Commodore*, he conſulted his Mate, who was a Man of good Courage, but not over-haſty in reſolving; he put it cloſe to him if he would ſtand an Engagement, as their Ship was ſound-bottom'd and ſtrongly built: The Mate anſwer'd in the Affirmative, which the Captain well knowing he could depend upon, next addreſs'd and animated his little Crew ſo well, as made them prompt for Battle. Up goes the *Britiſh* Colours at once on the *Iſabella*, and wav'd Defiance in the Air, while her two Swivel Guns returned the Compliment of the *Brancas*: The Commander call'd out alſo, thro' his ſpeaking Trumpet, in the harſh and abuſive Terms of *You* Engliſh *Bougre*, *ſtrike!* The gallant *Hornby* returns the *Bougre* upon him as ſonorouſly, and declar'd for Battle: Upon which, the *Privateer* advanc'd apace, and pour'd in ſuch Showers of Bullets into the *Iſabella*, as it became impoſſible to ſtand the Storm. The terrible Whiſtling of Death in the Shrouds, from an Enemy ſo very ſtrong and near, moderating our Captain's Courage into Conduct, he order'd down his brave Fellows into *Cloſe-Quarters:* While he lay intrench'd there, the Enemy attempted to board him twice on the *Larboard* Quarter, which the Captain, by a dexterous Turn of his Helm, happily avoided each Time; notwithſtanding the *Frenchman* fir'd upon him his two Bow Chace, his four Deck, and four Swivel Guns, with a Volley of Small Arms, to favour his Attempts. He went not unrewarded with proper Returns from our Captain's two *Larboard* Guns, which play'd briſkly upon him.

The Heat of an Hour's Engagement brought on Two o'Clock, when Valour was put to great Diſtreſs, and almoſt overpower'd by ſuperior Numbers: The *Privateer*, running furious in upon the Larboard of the *Iſabella*, entangl'd her Bowſprit among the main Shrouds, and *laſh'd* faſt to her; when the terrible *André* menac'd Deſtruction, and call'd out, *You* Engliſh *Dog*, *ſtrike!* The undaunted *Hornby*, tho' inviron'd with Horror and Diſtreſs in his *Cloſe-Quarters*, return'd his ill Language in equal Terms, and challeng'd him to come on board, and ſtrike his Colours, if he dar'd. The irritated *Frenchman* took him at his Word, and threw in a Swarm of twenty Men upon him, who began to hack and hew into his *Cloſe-Quarters* with great Agility. The experienced *Hornby*, with his valiant Boys, were prepar'd to receive them, and ſtruck up ſuch an *Engliſh* Tune with the martial Muſic of Blunderbuſſes of twelve Balls each, as made moſt of his Invaders dance a precipitate Retreat in Capers of the nimbleſt Cut; while others, maim'd and wounded, crawl'd painfully along after them to regain their Ship, which they had no ſooner done than the *Privateer* unlaſh'd and diſengag'd: Turning about ſhe made another bold Attempt on the *Starboard* Side, and grappl'd with the *Iſabella*, but as they were going to laſh again, *Hornby* and his brave Mate ſhot each his Man juſt entring on the Operation. This renew'd the *Frenchman*'s Command *to ſtrike*, and the brave *Briton*'s diſdainful Refuſal; whereupon twenty freſh Men enter'd, and fell furiouſly to Work with Hatchets and Pole-Axes on the *Cloſe Quarters*, inſomuch that they had near cut their Way thro' in no leſs than three Places, but were wounded and knock'd down ſo faſt from within, that they called out to their *Commander*, they could not ſtand the Fire: He had Compaſſion on them, and call'd them off. They carried their Wounded along with them, and haul'd off their Dead with their Boat-Hooks after them: A terrible Sight!

Tho' they had cleared their Deck of the Enemy, yet they continued grappl'd and laſh'd to them: The *Frenchman* tried another Experiment, mann'd his own Forecaſtle, and fir'd furious Volleys of Small Arms into the *Cloſe-Quarters*; but were ſo warmly plied from thence that they were oblig'd to quit their Station; which however the reſolute *André* (who was inferior to none in Courage and Naval Experience) ſoon replac'd with a Sett of freſh Men, who, finding the Place too hot, likewiſe retir'd: He then drew up on the Main-Deck, and renew'd his terrible Fire on the Beſieged; which was return'd upon them ſo briſkly, that they retreated *abaft* the Main-Maſt, where they crowded thick for Shelter; which, *Hornby* obſerving, meditated Deſtruction, and made the moſt of his Time: He fir'd a ſucceſsful Blunderbuſs among them, but, at the very Inſtant of Firing, our Captain found himſelf beaten back from one Side of the Ship to the other. His little Crew were not only greatly ſurprized with an hideous Outcry from the Enemy, but with the mortifying Sight of their brave Captain knock'd down flat on the Floor: While they concluded he was killed, they were yet more ſurprized to ſee him riſe again, tho' very much bruiſed, and reſume his Command. The Fall he received was by his own deſtructive Blunderbuſs, which, being by Miſtake doubly loaded with twice twelve Balls, recoiled and burſt upon the Captain; but made a moſt terrible Havock among the Enemy, who immediately cut off their Laſhing, and diſengaged with ſuch Precipitation, that they left their Grapplings, Pole-Axes, Piſtols, and Cutlaſſes behind, after having been laſhed together an Hour and a Quarter: They ſheered off, and the *Hornbeans* fired their two *Starboard* Guns into their Stern.

The perſiſting *Frenchman* however returns to the Charge, and engaged our Captain Yard-Arm and Yard-Arm. Then was the Fury of Battle and Heat of Action, on both Sides, for two Hours together: The *Iſabella* was ſhot thro' her Hull ſeveral Times, her Sails and Rigging all ſhattered to Pieces, her Enſign diſmounted, and not a Maſt or Yard left but what was wounded; and yet ſhe was not idle, but made due Returns as far as her little Force could furniſh: She became ſucceſsful once more by a fortunate Shot, which, taking the *Brancas* between Wind and Water, oblig'd her to ſheer off and careen. Upon this, the brave *Hornbeans* ſallied out of their *Faſtneſs*, re-erected their fallen *Enſign*, and inſulted the retiring Enemy with three vociferous Huzza's. They found that, in the Courſe of the Engagement, they had drove ſo near the Shore, as to ſee it crowded with People and a great Number of Coaches, which the loud Roar of Battle had drawn there to attend the Event of it.

As ſoon as the *Frenchman* had ſtopp'd his Leak, he comes up again with the ſhatter'd *Iſabella*, and fir'd all his Cannon and Small Arms in at her Stern. In this Volley the brave *Hornby* receiv'd a Wound by a Muſket-Shot in the Temples, which, bleeding pretty plentifully, caſt a Gloom of Dejection among his ſorrowing Companions in the Glory of the Day: The Captain perceiv'd it, and immediately obviated the ill Conſequence that might attend a Pannic, by ſetting the beſt Face upon the Matter, and calling out briſkly to them to take Courage and ſtand to their Arms, for his Wound was not dangerous. They catch'd the animating Voice, and reviv'd their Valour; took Poſt in their *Cloſe-Quarters* again, and ſtood the Fury of another Aſſault; fought bravely, and, after receiving three dreadful Broadſides, repuls'd the Foe once more by another well-aim'd Shot, which ſent the *Brancas* to careen again. This giving the Beſieg'd another Opportunity to iſſue out of their wooden Fort, they renew'd the rejoicing Inſult of Vociferation upon the Enemy, and ſet up their ſhatter'd Enſign again, which was ſhot thro' and thro' into honourable Rags. Again, the hardy *André* refits and returns; again, the daring *Hornby* ſtands his Fury, in no leſs than five terrible Broadſides; which added much to the Damage the diſabled *Iſabella* had ſuſtained before. This the *Frenchman* perceiv'd, and called out once more to *ſtrike*, denouncing Vengeance and total Deſtruction in caſe of Refuſal. The Captain's Caſe was certainly bad, and wore a diſmal Aſpect; but, re-animating his brave and truly faithful Companions in Danger and Diſtreſs with the gallant Defence they had made, pointed out to the numerous Spectators along the Shore: *Behold*, ſaid he, *the Witneſſes of your Valour this Day!* Whereupon they unanimouſly reſolved to perſiſt in fighting, and die for the Honour of their Country rather than ſubmit. The Captain fir'd with Joy, hurl'd his laſt, brave, reſolute Defiance upon the Foe, who immediately ran upon his *Starboard*, and laſh'd cloſe alongſide;—but dar'd not enter again, for his Crew murmur'd and refus'd the dangerous Taſk, and, cutting off the Laſhings, ſheer'd off again. Capt *Hornby*, reſolving to take his Leave of *Monſieur* like a Gentleman, gave him a parting Gun upon his Stern, which found its Way into his Powder, fir'd it, and blew up his Stecrage with a terrible Burſt into the Air! The Sea entered in at the Chaſm, and, in an Inſtant, the *Brancas* was *ſunk, foundering in the deep Abyſs!*

'Twas now the gallant *Hornby* firſt felt Concern that Day! The horrid Sight of ſome of his Fellow-Creatures in the Air, and of others ſprawling and catching at Pieces of Timber on the Face of the Deep, open'd the Avenues of Compaſſion in his manly Heart; and the more, as he was render'd incapable to ſave them by the Effuſion of their own Fury upon him; for his Ship was ſo ſhatter'd, that ſhe was become unmanagable, like a Log of Timber; floating indeed, but under no Command, nor capable to perform her Functions: His Boat was beaten all to Pieces by their Cannon, and nothing left that could contribute to aſſiſt them. So that, at the ſame Time as he was crown'd with Victory, he became the mortify'd Spectator of the Death of the Remains of ſeventy-five Men (after thirty-ſix had been kill'd and wounded in the Engagement) ſave only three, which were taken up by the *Dutch* Fiſhing-Boats, whereof the Lieutenant was the chief.

This terrible Engagement laſted ſeven Hours, whereby the Captain gave his three ſailing Companions Opportunity to eſcape, and acquir'd immortal Glory to himſelf, by a moſt truly heroic and unparallel'd Defence, which deſerves to be delivered down to Poſterity in better Colours than my feeble Pen can give. Tho' two Years and a half are expir'd ſince this glorious Action, the valiant *Hornby* remains ſtill unauſtinguiſh'd with any other Notice than the Royal Mark of Favour given him, as an Earneſt of further Conſideration of his Worth and Valour. It is a fine golden Medal, as large as the Broad Seal, inſcrib'd with his own and the Royal Donor's Name, and ſome general Heads of

his brave Exploit: It hangs to a Gold Chain, descending in many Ringlets from his Neck upon his manly Breast; and, in my Opinion, reflects more Honour on the Wearer, than the brightest Coronet on an hereditary Head in another Place, as it is of his own personal acquiring, and a Record of his Merit and Praise.

Had such a Man as this commanded the *Northumberland*, she had not fallen disgracefully into the Hands of the Enemy; nor stood foremost now in their Navy to the Terror of our own: Or if our Commanders in the *Mediterranean* had behav'd like him, the Action off of *Toulon* could not have fail'd of Success. Especially, as he is not only a Man of Courage and a good Seaman, but well skilled in the *Art of Navigation* thro' all its Branches, which he has taught to others with great Reputation and Success: And yet the gallant *Hornby* lies still neglected and unemploy'd!

N. B. *A Paper is no sooner popularly receiv'd, but a* Grubean *Publisher, hastening into his* third Bankruptcy, *pirates it in various Shapes, under feign'd Names and Titles: Thus our Paper on* Bronse *and* Bronso *has been us'd; and thus the same Fellow imposes* Aretine's *Letter on the* Scots *upon the Town, in his wretched* Thistle, *first in Parcels, and then annexes it at Length, to make out a Shilling Pamphlet, without one single Observation worth Notice in it. Scandalous Practice!*

*** *Regard shall be had to the Letter on* Suspensions.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

ITALY.

Milan, Jan. 7. We are inform'd, that the Genoese have entirely ruined the Roads which leads from the Bochetta to the Capital of that Republick, so that they are absolutely unpassible, especially for the Artillery. It's assur'd, that they have done the same by the Way through which the Piedmontese pass, and that they have carried off all the Provisions and Forage, except what was necessary for the Subsistence of the Inhabitants.

The Imperial Troops continue still at Novi and Gavi; those in Mantua, Modena, and the Parmesan, hasten their March with the utmost Diligence to join Marquis Botta. There is great Talk of an Accommodation with the Genoese, but according to what is reported by one of our Fellow Citizens who was confined there during the Tumult, and who was set at Liberty, but in Consideration of a large Ransom, it appears, that those People are not at all disposed to submit; so that, in all Likelihood, we shall be obliged to reduce them by Force of Arms: And for that Purpose all necessary Preparations are making, as well by the Imperialists as by the Piedmontese.

Nice, Jan. 11. According to the Letters arriv'd this Day from Provence, General Brown had detach'd several Parties of Croats and Sclavonians to the Peasants upon the Verdon, who have taken up Arms, notwithstanding the Menaces against those who should go to that Extremity. This General sent a second Time to summon the Count de Sade to surrender Antibes, but the Commandant made answer, *That he set too great a Value upon Mr. Brown's Esteem, to expose himself to lose it by giving up a Place which was not yet besieg'd in Form; and that he might be assur'd, that he would not surrender it till the last Extremity.* The most authentick Accounts concerning the Garrison of Antibes make it consist of seven Battalions. Since the Place has been surrounded, the Count de Sade has caus'd several Sallies to be made upon the advanced Post of the Besiegers, and has made a very considerable firing of the Artillery to hinder the Approaches. The English Bomb-Vessels continue to bombard Antibes; and though they are often oblig'd to suspend their Operations upon Account of the Roughness of the Weather, according to the Information we receive from Deserters, the inner Part of the Town has suffer'd very much by the Bombardment, and almost all the Houses of the Port are demolish'd. We learn by a Courier which pass'd by here in his Way to Turin, that the Remainder of the Artillery from Savona had been landed at the Mouth of the Siagne in the Gulf of Napoale, from whence it was immediately carried to the Camp at Cannes, and from thence before Antibes; that three Batteries were already raised, and that the Siege of the Place was going to be begun in Form.

Our Letters of this Day mention several Skirmishes which have happen'd since the 5th instant, between some Detachments of the Corps commanded by the Marquis de Mirepoix; and that which is at Frejus under the Command of General O Donel. The Town of Grasse is occupied by General Novati with four Battalions.

The Lynn Man of War is just arriv'd at Villa Franca, having convoy'd thither twelve Ships laden with Forage, Wood and Provisions for the Army in Provence.

Letters from Novi of the 9th instant advise, that the Marquis de Botta has *resign'd* the Command of the Army and General Linden supplies his Place till the Arrival of another. These Letters add, that the Troops in those Parts were to be augmented to 24000 Men.

LOW COUNTRIES.

Brussels, Jan. 23. M. de Sachelles has published an Ordonance, which enjoins all the Stewards, Administrators, or Farmers of the Estates belonging to the Noblemen and Officers who are actually in the Service of the Queen of Hungary, to deliver within a Fortnight an exact Account of the Estates, Rents, and other Effects under their Direction, upon Penalty of 500 Florins in case of any Failure.

HOLLAND.

The Hague, Jan. 26. Letters from Franckfort advise, that the States of the Circle of the Upper Rhine resolv'd, the 20th of this Month, to consent to the Association proposed for the Security of the anterior Circles. Private Letters from Paris say, that the Marquis de Puysieux has accepted of the Post of Secretary of State of foreign Affairs, and that the Court does not appear to be in a Hurry to send any Body in his Stead to Breda, it being yet uncertain, whether the Count de St. Severin is to that End appointed, and M. de Macanas has de ert'd his Departure from Paris till a Minister for that Purpose is actually appointed. Letters from Vienna of the 16th say, that Sixteen Battalions more were just order'd to march to the Army in Flanders.

They write from Hamburgh of the 21st, That the King of Denmark has prohibited the converting of Ships taken from the English into French Privateers, in all the Ports of Norway.

SCOTLAND.

Edinburgh, Jan. 12. Friday last the Magistrates and Town Council, unanimously made choice of Mr. James Erskine Advocate, Son to the Right Hon. Lord Tinwald, as one of their Assessors in the room of Mr. James Graham, of Aith, deceas'd.

On Friday arrived here from the North, the Right Hon. Alexander Brodie, of Brodie, Lord Lyon.

Last Week James Ramsey, Residenter in Causeyside, and four Women, were apprehended and confined to the City Guard, where they remain, for resetting stolen Goods.

Edinburgh, Dec. 13. We hear from Glasgow, that on Saturday last, three French Prisoners, belonging to Duke d'Anville's Squadron, were brought in there in their Way hither.

From Inverness, That Hugh Cameron, of Annock, (formerly mentioned) to have been taken by Surprise, at his own House, by a Party from Fort William, and to have been carried Prisoner to that Place) was about ten Days ago transported from thence to Inverness, under a proper Guard of Lord Loudon's Regiment, strongly fetterred, and tied with Ropes to two Soldiers, to prevent his Escape.

From Aberdeen that the Regulars stationed at Strathbogie still continue successful in apprehending and bringing in Prisoners to that Place and Banff, the Rebels lurking in that Country.

Edinburgh, Jan. 15. Monday Morning died Mrs Eliz. Crockat, Relict of the deceast Andrew Brown of Braid, Esq; and Daughter to Baillie Thomas Crockat; a religious and extensively charitable Lady, not only to the notourly indigent, but also to many Families, whose Straits were not publickly known.

Yesterday Morning died the Right Hon. the Lady Helen Montgomery, Spouse to the Hon. Capt. Francis Stuart of Pittendreich, and Sister to the Right Hon. the Earl of Eglington; a Lady of exemplary Virtue and Piety, and much lamented by all her Friends and Acquaintances.

That Forenoon John Fergusson, a Soldier of Colonel Lee's Regiment, in consequence of the Sentence of a Court Martial, was carried down from the Castle to the Links of Leith, and shot for Robbery and Desertion, in Presence of the Regiment drawn up there, to witness the Punishment inflicted upon the Criminal———He was the same Person who some Weeks ago robbed the Dunfermline Carrier of his Packet and Money, in a Stabler's House in the Grass-Market, and immediately deserting, got the Length of Dumfries, where he inlisted with a Serjeant recruiting for the Guards; but having been discovered by a Soldier of his former Regiment, he was secured, brought back to Edinburgh, and committed to the Castle.——He was attended by the Chaplain of the Garrison to the Place of Execution, seemed very penitent, and warned his Fellow-Soldiers to guard against Drunkenness, which had been the Inlet to the Crimes for which he suffered.

COUNTRY NEWS.

Newcastle, Jan. 17. On Sunday Evening last Lieutenant Melvil, and Ensign Reynolds, both of Col. Cholmondeley's Regiment, now lying here, happening to be in Company at a Tavern with some Gentlemen, Mr. Reynolds several Times drank Damnation to all Scotsmen, calling them Rebels, &c. tho' he knew Mr. Melvil, was a Native of that Country. This drew a mild Reproof from Mr. Melvil, which enraged the Ensign to a very great Degree; but the Company prevented their doing any Harm to each other, and they seem'd after to be reconciled. However, their Swords were taken from them, and they were sent to their respective Lodgings under Arrest. Next Morning Mr. Reynolds sent a Challenge to Mr. Melvil, to meet him at a Place named, to fight him; and so impatient was he for an Answer, that he would not wait the Return of the Messenger, but went himself to the House where Mr. Melvil lodged; who being in Bed, immediately got up and dressed himself, and then told the Messenger Mr. Reynolds might come to him as soon as he pleased. The unhappy Men came up Stairs directly, and in a few Minutes the Pistols were heard to go off, and Mr. Reynolds dropp'd. Mr. Melvil immediately came down Stairs, and desired the People of the House to call a Surgeon to the Assistance of his Antagonist; which was expeditiously done, but to no Purpose, for he expired before any Body could come. M. Melvil retired by the Carlin Croft, and was that Day seen with his Servant three Miles beyond Morpeth, on the Nothern Road, both walking on Foot. 'Tis supposed M. Melvil had parried Mr. Reynold's Pistol; for the Ball aim'd at him struck upon the Wall above a Man's Height; but the Ball fired at Mr. Reynolds went in at one Side of his Breast and out at the other, and lodged in the Room Door. The Coroner's Inquest sat several Hours on the Body of the deceas'd, and brought in their Verdict Manslaughter.

Bristol, Jan. 17. Monday last was committed to Newgate, Richard Martin (who kept the White-Hart in Lamb-Street without Lawford's Gate) and one Shirley, a Raffler at Bedminster, on the Information of Thomas Butler; the first for being concerned with him and one William Williams, in cutting from behind a Coach in Milk street, a Box, containing Jewels, &c. to a considerable Value. Butler was try'd last Assizes for stealing Linnen from Mr. Hill, in High-street, and being found guilty, was burnt in the Hand, and committed to hard Labour in Bridewell, for a Twelve-month. The 18th of October following he broke out of Bridewell, but was taken the next Day: The 21st, he got off his Irons, broke through the Roof, and escaped again, but was fortunately re-taken about One or Two the next Morning in Tower-Lane. Being now safely secured and heavily Iron'd, and finding all hopes of any future Escape vain, and perhaps greatly dissatisfied that he should thus be confined and punished, while his Comrades lived in Splendor and at Liberty, without Regard to his Distresses; and withal being perhaps weigh'd down by a guilty Conscience, he at length gives Information, (and becomes the King's Principal Evidence) That himself, Richard Martin, and William Willams, otherwise Dilsey (not yet taken) were jointly concerned in cutting Mr. Blagden's Box, from behind the Coach as above mention'd, and carried it to a convenient Place and opened it; that Williams put in his Hand first, and pull'd out a Gold Watch, swore it was a brave Prize. That Martin putting in his Hand next (or dipt as they term it) pull'd out three Diamond Rings, swearing also, that his was a brave Prize. Then it was consulted what to do with the Booty. When Martin reply'd, D———me, we will bury it to Night: To-morrow I know how to dispose of it, mentioning to a Raffler in Bedminster, who used (as he said) to buy such Things of him—a plain Case how the Rafflers live. Accordingly they went and sold the Gold Watch and three Diamond Rings for 21 Guineas, and shar'd seven a-piece: but the Raffler telling them he had not Cash ready to pay them for the rest, if they would stay 'till he return'd from London, whither he said he was just going, he would give them 18 Guineas for the Remainder, &c. and at the same Time ask'd them, whether they were dous'd out of a Kenn, (which it seems is a Thief's Cant Word for a House) or a Rattle (a Cant Word for a Coach) They answered, a Rattle.———On this Relation Martin and Raffler were taken up on Saturday last, and committed as above. Martin was taken at his own House. At the Approach of the Officers he cry'd out Murder! but soon resigned himself up.

He also declares, That Martin has turn'd King's Evidence against several at the Old Bailey; and had formerly been an Evidence against him there: And it is even now suppos'd that Martin will impeach Butler upon some other Occasion, and then probably they may both hang together.

Shirley the Raffler has had two Wives the first of which was transported Three Times.

'Tis said there are near 40 in this Gang; and that most of them are notorious, old Offenders.

The Box contain'd a Gold Repeating Watch, a Pair of Ear-Rings, Diamond Tops, a Diamond Hoop Ring, a Ring with five Brillant Diamonds, a Diamond Mourning Ring, a Silver Snuff-Box, ten Holland Shifts, Lawn and Holland Aprons, and several other Things.

Pool, Jan. 19. By the Castor, of whose Arrival I gave you an Account in my last, I hear four of his Majesty's Ships were carrying into Lisbon, a Spanish Man of War of sixty Guns, the 27th ult. being then within Sight

of the Rock. The Martha and Elizabeth, Seager, of and for this Port from Newfoundland, was carried into Bilboa the 9th paſt.———Laſt Week died here Mr. Robert Tito, aged 98, the oldeſt Man in this Town, greatly lamented.

LONDON.

Lieutenant General Sir Robert Rich's Dragoons are to be reviewed this Morning in Hyde-Park.

We hear that General Hawley will be created a Field-Marſhal; he and General Bland being to go abroad with the firſt Troops for Flanders.

The Right Hon. the Houſe of Peers is adjourned to Thurſday next.

The Right Hon the Lords of the Admiralty have been pleas'd to give the Command of the Experiment Man of War to the Hon. Captain Fermor, Son of the Right Hon the Earl of Pomfret, which is to cruize on the Coaſt of Scotland.

We hear the Hon. Edward Cornwallis, Eſq; Brother to the Right Hon. the Lord Cornwallis, and Member of Parliament for Eye in Suffolk, who ſince his Election has accepted of the Office of one of the Grooms of the Bedchamber, will be re-choſen for that Borough without Oppoſition.

Tueſday being the Birth-Day of his Royal Highneſs the Prince of Wales, who then enter'd into the Forty-firſt Year of his Age, the Morning was uſher'd in with Ringing of Bells; at Noon there was a moſt magnificient and ſplendid Appearance of the Nobility, Foreign Miniſters, &c. to pay their Compliments to his Royal Highneſs on that Occaſion at Leiceſter Houſe. His Royal Highneſs the Duke of Cumberland came from Windſor Lodge, to pay his Compliments to his Royal Highneſs the Prince of Wales.

We hear, that there a great Number of Counterfeit New Guineas in Town, ſuppoſed to be brought from Holland: They are good Gold, but weigh two or three Shillings leſs than ours. The principal Mark to know them is by this Vowel u in GEORGIUS, ours being ſpelt with a Conſonant v, or this Vowel u, as GEORGIVS, or US.

On Saturday the Houſe of a Milliner in Pall-Mall was ſearch'd by the Meſſengers, and ſeveral Papers ſecur'd, and one Perſon was taken into Cuſtody.

Monday the 23d of February next is appointed for the Trial of Simon Lord Lovat in Weſtminſter-hall.

Lord Lovat having petitioned for leave to have Mr. William Fraſer as his Sollicitor, in the room of Mr. Hugh Fraſer, who is obliged to go into the Country, the ſame has been granted him; and he is to have Acceſs to him at all ſeaſonable Times.

Court-Houſe on St. Margaret's Hill, Southwark, Monday January 19.

This Day the Court met, purſuant to Adjournment, when the Lord Chief Juſtice Willes, Mr. Baron Reynolds, and Mr. Juſtice Forſter, were preſent; and the following Priſoners were arraigned upon Indictments for High Treaſon, viz.

James Sturmouth; Alexander Mackenzie, a Lieutenant in the Earl of Cromartie's Regiment; Henry Moir and Robert Moir, Brothers, private Men in Lord Balmerino's Troop of the Pretender's Life-Guards; who all pleaded Not Guilty.

Then the Court adjourn'd till Thurſday Morning, Nine o'Clock.

Thurſday, Jan. 22.

The Court ſat, and Lord Chief Juſtice Lee, Mr. Juſtice Wright, and Mr. Juſtice Abney, were preſent; when Alexander Mackenzie, and Henry and Robert Moir, above-mentioned, were tried, and all three found guilty of High Treaſon.

Then the Court adjourn'd till Tomorrow Morning, at the uſual Time; but muſt defer the Proceedings till our next (our Paper being at Preſs) when we ſhall take up the Account where we now leave off, in the ſame regular Manner obſerv'd before.

Monday the Seſſions ended at the Old Baily, when fifteen Priſoners were tried, ſix of whom were caſt for Tranſportation, and nine acquitted; when Ann Boſwell, for the Murder of her Huſband, and Mary Allen for Shoplifting, receiv'd Judgment of Death. Ann Boſwell pleaded her Belly, and a Jury of Matrons being impannell'd, they found her not quick with Child. One was burnt in the Hand, and four order'd to be whipp'd.

Wedneſday the Nine Malefactors, formerly mentioned, were executed at Tyburn, and all behaved with a Decency becoming their unhappy Circumſtances. Fitzgerald, for Forgery, went in a Mourning Coach. Theſe were caſt in the two Seſſions preceding this laſt.

The next Seſſions begins at the Old Bailey on Wedneſday the 25th of February next.

On Saturday laſt at Noon, Humphry Saywell, a Carman, was committed to the Gatehouſe by Thomas Ellys, Eſq; of New Palace-Yard, for aſſaulting Chriſtopher Dayly, in the Street, and beating him in ſo terrible a Manner, that he lies in great Danger of Life.

And at Twelve o'Clock the ſame Night, John Monro, a Soldier in the firſt Regiment of Guards, was committed to the Gatehouſe by the ſame Gentleman, for aſſaulting Elizabeth Carter, in King-Street, and cutting and wounding her with his drawn Sword, that it is not thought ſhe can recover; he inſulted the Juſtice, ſwore he would kill the Conſtable, or that he would commit ſome Murder or Robbery, rather than go to Flanders.

Extract of a Letter from Penzance, Jan. 15.

"On Tueſday the 13th Inſtant, Captain Baird, in his Majeſty's Sloop the Fly, engaged off the Lizard a French Dogger Privateer, called the Happy Return of Honfleur, David Duvivier, Maſter, with ten Carriage Guns (large four Pounders) ſix Swivels and 85 Men, which he took after a ſmart Engagement of two Hours, Half an Hour of which was Yarm-arm and Yard-arm, in Sight of this Town. The Mate of the Fly is killed, and Capt. Baird much wounded, though we hope not dangerous. This is the ſecond Privateer he has taken on this Coaſt of nearly an equal Force with himſelf; and has, by his Care and Vigilance, been the ſole Protection of our Trade; eight or ten Colliers, now in Mount-Bay, probably eſcaping by his Means."

Extract of a Letter from Antigua, dated Nov 9.

"We have juſt now the agreeable News, that St. Bartholomew, an Iſland ten Leagues to the Northward of St. Chriſtophers, is taken by two Privateers belonging to this Iſland, called the Fitz Roy and the Knowles. They have ſecured about three hundred Negroes, Two Hundred of which are this Moment arrived here in the two Sloops. A Fortification is already made on the Iſland, in order to keep and ſecure it, and 70 Men are left in it. The Sloops will return in a Day, to bring off the remaining Slaves, as well as to ſecure the Conqueſt.

There is a very good Harbour in the Iſland from whence the Enemy greatly annoy'd our Trade, and have taken, ſince the Commencement of the War, above 50 Sail of Merchant Ships, and carried them there, till they could have an Opportunity to carry them to Martinico; and conſtantly fitted out and refreſh'd themſelves in this Port.—The Privateers had on board when they attack'd it only 185 Men; yet they have made near 400 White People Priſoners, 140 of whom are fit to bear Arms. The French were ſo ſuddenly attack'd, that they had no time to defend themſelves; two of the Privateers Men were killed and one wounded; of the Enemy only one was wounded.———It is an aſtoniſhing Affair that theſe People have been ſuffer'd to ſubſiſt ſo long, as their Privateers were always making Captures: However, it gives much Satisfaction to find, that our Privateers have render'd ſo great a Piece of Service to the Leeward Iſlands; and hope they will be able to ſupport it.

The Fitzroy and Knowles have brought in four French Privateers, which makes ſix they have take ſince my laſt; one of which had 12 Carriage Guns, 12 Swivels, and 130 Men."

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